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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed November 24, 2003, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months from February 24, 2004 to May 24, 2004, by a Petition for Extension of Time incorporated herein, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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